

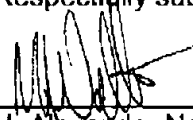
REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2001. Claims 4-39 are pending in the application and stand rejected. Applicants have amended the claims to correct matters of form. Thus, the amendments are not directed to the patent ability of the claims. Please enter these amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the method or process of the present invention. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

The prior art made of record is noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, it is believed that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not deemed necessary for a full and complete response to this office action. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

Markup of amended claims:

8. (Amend) The method of claim 1, wherein removing contaminants from the used oil comprises distilling the used [motor] oil at a temperature of about 275°C to about 300°C and a pressure of about 0.05 torr to about 0.2 torr.

19. (Amend) The method of claim 17, wherein removing contaminants from the distillate [motor oil] comprises distilling the distillate at a temperature of about 200°C to about 275°C and a pressure of about 100 torr to about 200 torr.

20. (Amend) The method of claim 17, wherein removing contaminants from the distillate [motor oil] comprises distilling the distillate at a temperature of about 275°C to about 300°C and a pressure of about 0.05 torr to about 0.2 torr.

21. (Amend) The method of claim 17, wherein removing contaminants from the distillate [motor oil] comprises distilling the distillate at a temperature of about 200°C to about 300°C and a pressure of about 0.05 torr to about 200 torr.

22. (Amend) The method of claim 17, wherein a mixture of the distillate and ethylene glycol comprises about 1% to about 10 % by weight of ethylene glycol.

24 (Amend) The method of claim 23, wherein a mixture of the distillate [used oil] and base compound comprises about 0.5 % to about 5 % by weight of the base compound in volume of solution.